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ANNCR:

GOVERNOR RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON HAS CHARGED THE CASTRO REGIME WITH DIRECT INTERVENTION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES. NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN HAS THESE OBSERVATIONS:

VOICE:

IN HIS ADDRESS TO A NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON TUESDAY HERE IN WASHINGTON, GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON SOUNDED A NOTE OF WARNING FOR LEGITIMATELY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENTS EVERYWHERE -- NOT ONLY IN THIS HEMISPHERE BUT ELSEWHERE. HIS WARNING WAS IMPLICIT IN WHAT HE CALLED CUBA'S NEW, MILITANT, REVOLUTIONARY POLICY. THE PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR SAID THAT CUBANS HAVE SHOWN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS A SORT OF "FOREIGN LEGION" FOR MOSCOW IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE. THIS NEW POLICY, HE IMPLIED, IS LINKED TO HAVANA'S OLD ONE OF EXPORTING REVOLUTION TO ITS NEIGHBORS -- PARTICULARLY IN THE CARIBBEAN.

THE BROADER ASPECT OF GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON'S STATEMENTS, HAVE DEEP IMPLICATIONS FOR NATIONS OUTSIDE THIS HEMISPHERE. PARTICULARLY WHEN COUPLED WITH A NEWS CONFERENCE STATEMENT IN TOKYO BY HAVANA'S NUMBER THREE OFFICIAL -- CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, WHO IS IN THE JAPANESE CAPITAL TO NEGOTIATE A SUGAR DEAL. HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT CUBA DOES NOT SEND ITS ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL OR OTHER TECHNICIANS TO ANY COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT REQUEST IT. HOWEVER, A STATEMENT IN LUANDA BY THE ANGOLAN REGIME'S PRIME MINISTER -- LOPO DO NASCIMENTO -- SUGGESTS OTHERWISE.

AT A CUBAN EMBASSY RECEPTION TUESDAY NIGHT, MISTER NASCIMENTO SAID THAT CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT'S TOP ALLIES, ALTHOUGH IT WELCOMES RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS ON A BASIS OF NON-ALIGNMENT. IN THAT SPEECH, HE ALSO SAID -- AND THIS IS WHERE THE CONTRIBUTION OF CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ COMES -- THAT CUBAN GUERRILLAS HAD FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN ANGOLA SINCE THE 1960'S, OBVIOUSLY, THE CUBANS WERE IN ANGOLA NOT AT THE INVITATION OF ANY GOVERNMENT, BUT ONLY AT THE BEHEST -- IF THAT -- OF ONE OF THE MARRING FACTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

IT IS EVIDENT FROM THESE STATEMENTS BY THE CUBAN OFFICIAL IN TOKYO AND THE PREMIER OF THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT THAT WHAT GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON OF PUERTO RICO CALLED HAVANA'S NEW, MILITANT REVOLUTIONARY POLICY IS A THREAT TO OTHER LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS.